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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No 11502/26

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	Confirmation No.
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Blatter	)	
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Serial No.: 10/624,315	)	Art Unit
	)	3761
Filed: January 21, 2003	)	
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR	)	
FACILITATING REPEATED VASCULAR	)	
ACCESS	)	
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Examiner: Leslie R. Deak	)	
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Customer No.: 32642	)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks herein. Additionally, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in the event that any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application is found, which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, or which is susceptible to being overcome by means of an Examiner's Amendment.

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A listing of the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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